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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

| <u>U.S. Patent No.</u> | <u>Patentee</u>     | <u>Issue Date</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 6,210,116              | Kuczaj, J., et al.  | 4/3/2001          |
| 6,220,819              | Chien, H., et al.   | 4/24/2001         |
| 6,276,899              | Lambert, T., et al. | 8/21/2001         |

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. These references were discovered during the performance of a preliminary patentability search in the United States Patent Office by a registered patent attorney.

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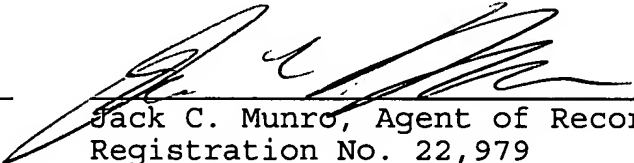
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invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this  
application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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